(b) if so, on what basis did the BIS originally formulated these standards;

(c) whether the standards formulated by BIS was either approved or in accordance to world standards of U.S., FDA, PUWHO;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRADAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Standards are formulated on the basis of consensus established by the concerned Technical Committee of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) *i.e.* FAD-14-Drinks and Carbonated Beverages sectional Committee, comprising of experts from R&D Institutions, Industries, Laboratories, Consumers, Regulatory Authority (PFA) etc. including all concerned interests. In this standard, due consideration was given to the provision of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and rules framed thereunder.

(c) to (e) Indian Standard for mineral water IS: 13428 was originally published in 1992 and revised in 1998 to align with the codex standard for natural mineral water to include hygienic practices in line with the codex (CAC/RCP 33-1985) 'Code of Practice for collecting processing and marketing of natural mineral water'. In the preparation of this standard assistance has, *inter alia,* been derived from the EEC Directive, 80/778/EEC 'Council directive relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption' and the same is given in the "Foreword" of the standard.

Edible oil production

1752. SHRI LALIT BHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the edible oil production in the country during last three years

from 1999-2000 to 2002-03 and what are estimates current year, State-wise;

(b) the share of Gujarat in edible oil production in the country and its contibution to meet needs of State, other than Gujarat;

(c) what is the per capita consumption of edible oil in the country during the last five years from 1998-99 to 2002-03, State-wise; and

(d) whether it is a fact that per capita edible oil availability has decreased during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (d) State-wise date of edible oils production, net availability and per capita consumption is not maintained as there are no restrictions on the movement of oilseeds/oils. However, the production in the country from the year 1999-2000 to 2002-2003 is as under:

Qty. in Lakh MT

Year	Production of Edible Oils*
1999-2000	60.15
2000-2001	54.99
2001-2002	62.00
2002-2003	48.86

*Net availability from domestic sources of oilseeds.

Edible oil availability does not seem to have decreased as the shortfall is met by imports which are permitted under Open General Licence (OGL).

Introduction of TPDS

1753. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Targetted Public distribution System (TPDS) has been introduced recently to limit the coverage of public distribution to those below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the present number of families covered under TPDS, State-wise category-wise;